(b) whether there had been instances when the PNG is not available round the clock, with the result that one has to make alternative arrangement for cooking;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the LPG suppliers do not accept the surrender of one cylinder by the consumer;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what measures Government proposes to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) Government has conveyed approval to the public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to formulate a scheme for surrendering LPG connection by a customer who is being supplied Piped Natural Gas (PNG) whereby the LPG customer can keep the LPG connection in safe custody, that is, in case, the customer changes residence to an area not covered by PNG, the customer can avail a new LPG connection at the surrendered security deposit rate on priority basis. OMCs are in the process of finalizing the scheme.

(b) PNG suppliers have reported some instances of PNG not being available for short durations on account of damage to pipeline network by third parties on account of excavation activities. Efforts are made to resume supplies of PNG in such cases at the earliest.

(c) to (e) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Tourism development projects in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh

*107. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the tourism development projects sanctioned for Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during the last two years, till date and the funds sanctioned or released for each of these projects, district-wise;

(b) the details of the funds spent, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether any proposal from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar is pending for clearance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The details of the tourism development projects received and sanctioned for Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during the last two years (2006-07 & 2007-08) till date are enclosed as Statement (*See* below). The State Government of Uttar Pradesh was sanctioned Rs.91.45 crore during the years 2006-07 to 2008-09 (till January, 09) against which the State has spent Rs. 13.66 crore.

The State Government of Bihar was sanctioned Rs. 64.05 crore during the years 2006-07 to 2008-09 (till January, 2009) against which utilization has been Rs. 4.96 crore.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends Central Finance Assistance under its various Plan Schemes, to the proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, which are complete in all respects as per the scheme guidelines subject to *inter - se* priority and availability of funds.

Statement

Details of the tourism development projects received and sanctioned for Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during last two years till date

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	Name of projects	Amount Sanctioned
1	2	3
	Bihar	
	2006-07	
1	Development of Tourist circuit Bodhgaya-Rajgir-Nalanda under major project.	1922.42
2	Information Technology – Desktop computer, HP Laser Jet 5200+	14.87
	2007-08	
1	Development of Tourist spot Vishnupad Temple and Pilgrim Centre in Gaya	321.81
2	Development of Ravelganj, Chhapra	464.01
3	Construction of Huen Tsang Gram/Sanskritik Gram for Nav Nalanda Mahavir at Nalanda	408.93
4	State IHM at Bodh-Gaya	1000.00
	2008-09	
1	Development of Vaishali (Kolhua)	388.97
2	Development of Lauriya Nandan Garh, Areraj & Rampurwa as a Tourist destination.	134.87
3	Development of infrastructure at Pragbodhi (Dungeswari) Hills, Bodh-Gaya.	156.50
4	Development of Tourism infrastructure at Sujata Kuti, Bakror, Bodh-Gaya	158.40
5	Development of Antichak at Vikramshila, Bhagalpur	173.71
6	Riverfront Development and Beautification work at Sonepur	297.66
7	Development of Shershah Fort, Sasaram Bihar	Received during January, 2009
8	Development of Rohtas Fort Distt. Rohtas, Bihar	Received during January, 2009
9	Development of Niranjana River front and Parikrama Path from Mahabodhi Temple to Pragbodhi, Bodh-Gaya	268.27

1	2	3
10	Development of Tourism infrastructure at Bhaluni Dham Temple at Rohtas.	106.63
11	Development of Tourism infrastructure at Ular Sun Temple at Patna.	113.44
12.	FCI Muzzafarpur	475.00
	Uttar Pradesh	
	2006-07	
1	Development of Brij Chaurasi kos Parikrama Tourism Circuit-(Madhurvan Maholi-Jatipura Goverdhan-Vrindadavan-Maha Vidya) in Mathura	441.53
2	Integrated Development of Mahabharat Tourist circuit-Bagpat-Bawana-Garhmukteshwar	445.63
3	Budget for revitalization of Varanasi as a special Tourism Destination in Varanasi.	786.00
4	Integrated Development of Agra-Revitalization and visitor management for Taj Mahal in Agra.	758.00
5	Development of Various places in Aligarh District.	497.04
6	Development of Simoni Tourist Complex, Banda.	397.86
7	Celebration of Deo Deepawali Festival at Varanasi	3.00
	2007-08	
1	Dev. of Barsana in Distt. Mathura	364.08
2	Dev. of Chitrakoot as a Destination	444.49
3	Dev. of Jaunpur destination	444.10
4	Dev. of Sidheshwar Nath Dham, Distt. Sant Kabirnagar	141.96
5	Organization of Taj Mahotasav at Agra-2008	5.00
6	FCI Rae Bareli	475.00
7	FCI Garhmukteshwar	475.00
8	IHM Fursatganj	1000.00
9	Development of Rural Tourism at village Bhaguwala	50.00
	2008-09	
1	Dev. of Varanasi -Sarnath-Ramnagar Ph-II	1416.31
2.	Development of Amethi as a destination.	576.71
3	Dev. of Sultanpur as a Tourist destination.	423.13
4	Development of Pratapgarh (Ghuisarnathdham)	Received in Feb., 2009
5.	Development of Rai Bareli	Received in Feb., 2009.